

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

*Discussion of the Office Action*

The instant Office Action alleges that the previously filed Reply to Office Action submitted on August 25, 2005, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action (dated May 27, 2005). Specifically, the instant Office Action argues that the claims, as amended in the previously filed Reply, are related to the originally filed claims as a combination and sub-combination.

Applicants submit that the previously filed Reply was fully responsive to the prior Office Action and that the claims, as amended in the previously filed Reply, are not related to the originally filed claims as a combination and sub-combination. Therefore, reconsideration of the Office Action is hereby requested.

*Interview Summary and Voicemail message from Supervisor Nguyen*

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Li and Supervisor Nguyen for the separate Interviews held with Julie Hong, which took place on December 6, 2005. During both interviews, the appropriateness of the Office Action was discussed. Specifically, it was argued on behalf of Applicants that the claims, as amended in the previously filed Reply to Office Action, are not related to the originally filed claims by combination and sub-combination.

Subsequently, Supervisor Nguyen indicated in his voicemail message to Ms. Hong on December 15, 2005, that the Office Action would be withdrawn. Supervisor Nguyen also indicated that an Interview Summary will be issued stating that the Office Action will be withdrawn and that the pending claims will be examined.\*


Since the deadline to file a reply to the Communication without incurring an extension fee is December 21, 2005, Supervisor Nguyen requested that a Reply summarizing the status be filed on or before that date. In accordance with his request, Applicants hereby submit the requested Reply.

*Conclusion*

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the

prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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